

# Corps Chief's Message

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## The Rumor Mill

I was scanning the "Early Bird" yesterday and ran across a quote attributed to Mark Twain that I liked. (For those of you not familiar with the daily press clippings put together by the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) at <http://ebird.dodmedia.osd.mil/> it's well worth the read on a frequent basis.) Twain's quote goes like this, "The trouble with the world is not that people know too little, but that they know so many things that ain't so."

That thought is particularly apt in today's world and today's changing Army. People know A LOT of information. How can we help but know lots and lots about lots and lots when the internet and email are just a mouse click away?

The problem as I see it is that because things are changing so rapidly, many of you may have heard some subtle (and some not so subtle) things about Army Transformation, Modularity, Military to Civilian Conversion, BRAC, and many other significant activities going on around us.

I need to repeat what Twain said and assure you that much of what you hear "ain't so". Much of what you hear is rumor or speculation. From where I sit, I assure you that the details regarding the size and future structure of the Army Medical Specialist Corps is neither set in concrete nor is it all doom and gloom. The senior SP leadership is involved in all of the processes that are occurring and bringing important issues to the table. We know what you do and how well you do it. When all is said and done, I am of the opinion that the Corps is as viable and as valuable to the AMEDD and to the Army as it has ever been. I'm also confident that the Specialist Corps is structured to afford the OTs, PTs, Dietitians, and PAs of today a full and rewarding career in the military.

Thanks for everything you do everyday. May all of our deployed Soldiers be safe and return to us soon.